

**NONPROVISIONAL PATENT  
APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL RULE §1.53(b)  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a nonprovisional patent application:

For (Title): METHOD AND DEVICE FOR PRODUCING SHORT FIBERS

By (Inventors): Masao KONISHI

- ☒ 30 pages of Specification/Claims 1-14/Abstract are attached.  
☒ Formal drawings (Fig(s). 1-5; 5 sheet(s)) is/are attached.  
☐ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached.  
☐ An assignment of the invention to \_\_\_\_\_ is attached, along with Form PTO-1595 and a check for \$40.00.  
☐ An Information Disclosure Statement is attached, along with Form PTO-1449, and \_\_\_\_\_ reference(s).  
☐ This application is entitled to Small Entity Status.  
☒ A Preliminary Amendment is attached.  
☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence --This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, --  
☒ Priority of foreign application No. 2001-292115 filed September 25, 2001 in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.  
☐ A certified copy of the above corresponding foreign application is attached.

The filing fee is calculated below and includes claim status after entry of any Preliminary Amendment noted above:

			SMALL ENTITY		OR	LARGE ENTITY	
FOR:	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA	RATE	FEE		RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE				\$ 370	OR		\$ 740
TOTAL CLAIMS	14 - 20	= 0	x 9 =	\$	OR	x 18	\$
INDEP CLAIMS	3 - 3	= 0	x 42 =	\$	OR	x 84	\$
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			TOTAL	\$	OR	TOTAL	\$ 740

- ☒ A check for the filing fee is not enclosed at this time.

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